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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: LEVESQUE ET AL. Examiner: B. SISSON  
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THERAPEUTIC TARGETS

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a further one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 24, 2001, said period of response being extended from May 24, 2001 to June 24, 2001. A response was filed on May 24, 2001 in response to the Restriction Requirement.

Our check in the amount of \$250.00 (\$695 - \$445 = \$250) is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity. A three-month extension fee of \$445.00 was previously paid.



Respectfully submitted,

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